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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to you to please support broadband competition.

I am a Product Manager who primarily works from home. As such, broadband access at home is a requirement for me to do my job. Broadband access is a stable at my home since 1998, and I cannot function without it.

In the past 20 years, I have tried different broadband services, including AT&T DSL, Comcast, Satellite services, and competitive providers such as Sonic.net.

Until I landed with Sonic.net, broadband service was a very painful part of my life. AT&T was very unreliable. The service was unreliable, and service orders were full of issues. Comcast had no customer service to speak of. And both implemented continuous price hikes and makes the service un-affordable once the introductory rates were over. It wasn't until I switched to Sonic.net that broadband finally became a reasonable part of my life.

It has come to my attention that AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements in an attempt to stifle competition. I am writing this letter to please with you to NOT grant this petition. We all know that competition fosters progress. The availability of local competitors like Sonic.net not only provides a solid alternative, it even made the large players clean up their act and start providing better goods and services. Without the pressure of local competitors, you can guarantee that the large providers will regress to their earlier state. We, the consumers, will then suffer.

Thank you for hearing me out.

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